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OR92-104

Dear Mr. Caputo:

You request that this office reconsider certain aspects of its previous ruling in Open Records Letter No. 92-039 (1992). Your request was assigned ID# 14803.

Specifically, you contend that nine of the documents this office held to be public records constitute "education records" as defined by the Buckley Amendment. See 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(4)(A). You advise that two of these documents, which you have renumbered as Documents 4 and 5, were created by students in their own handwriting. We agree that such records constitute "education records" and as such should not be released to the public. See Open Records Decision No. 224 (1979).

On the other hand, we do not believe that the remaining documents you have resubmitted to us consist of "education records." These records must therefore be released. If you believe that this office has reached this determination in error, you may pursue such remedies as provided in section 10 of the Open Records Act, V.T.C.S. art. 6252-17a.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-104.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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